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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, PDEV, RH
SUBJ: RHODESIA; INTERNAL TALKS CONTINUE

1. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT THE INTERNAL TALKS SESSION ON
THE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 27 ENDED WITH NO FURTHER PROGRESS ON
THE ISSUE OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT. REPORTEDLY PM SMITH DID
NOT ATTEND THIS SESSION, AND HIS TEAM WAS LED BY DEPUTY PM
DAVID SMITH. DAVID SMITH ISSUED A PLEA TO THE BLACK LEADERS
TO COMPROMISE ON THEIR STAND ON THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT.
HE SAID PARITY BETWEEN WHITE AND BLACK MEMBERS IN THE COUNCILS
WOULD BE THE ONLY WAY TO SUSTAIN WHITE CONFIDENCE IN THE
GOVERNMENT. DAVID SMITH REPORTEDLY ASKED THE BLACKS TO
COMPROMISE ON THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO HELP THE GOVERN-
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MENT "MILLIFY" WHITE OPINION PRIOR TO THE REFERENDUM
WHICH WOULD BE HELD AMONGST WHITES TO APPROVE THE CON-
STITUTION.

2. THE PRESS SAYS THERE WAS AN INFORMAL AFTERNOON
SESSION ON FEBRUARY 27 BUT REPORTS NO SUBSTANCE OF THAT
SESSION.

3. SITHOLE REPORTEDLY COMMENTED FURTHER ON FEBRUARY 27 ABOUT HIS RECENT TRIP (PRETORIA 1095). HE STATED NOT ONLY HAD THE UK AND U.S. BEGUN TO SUPPORT THE INTERNAL TALKS BUT ALSO MOST OF BLACK AFRICA. HE CITED GHANA, LIBERIA, MAURITANIA, SIERRA LEONE, SAMALIA, SUDAN. UGANDA AND ZAIRE AS " FIRMLY" IN SUPPORT AND MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA AS "ON THE FENCE". HE SAID ALGERIA, ANGOLA, CONGO, ETHIOPIA AND ZAMBIA WERE FIRMLY AGAINST THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.
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